

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

A dispatch from Pekin says that the government of the United States will, under no circumstances, consent to any increase in the Chinese tariff unless commercial advantages are conceded in return.

The challenge committee of the New York Yacht club, at a meeting on the 24th, decided to extend the time for the international yacht race one month, in accordance with the wish of Sir Thomas Lipton.

The statement of the treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, issued on the 24th, showed: Available cash balance, \$158,949,841; gold, \$95,264,796.

A Prussian police ordinance subjects Russian poultry, especially geese, arriving in Berlin to a rigid inspection. This is significant as the first step taken by the Prussian government in the tariff war against Russia.

An editorial in the London Yachtsman, written before the accident to the Shamrock, says: "The trials of the two Shamrocks have shattered our faith in the new boat. We can not see what prospect of success Lipton has."

The sovereign camp Woodmen of the World, at Columbus, O., on the 24th, decided that in the future if a member engage in the liquor business he shall be expelled, and camps refusing to take this action shall have their charters revoked.

Charles Boyssot, republican, doyer of the French chamber of deputies died in Paris on the 23d. He was born in 1817; was a deputy in the legislative assembly in 1844; was elected a member of the national assembly in 1871, and had since been continuously re-elected.

H. H. Giffrey, a legislative clerk of the United States senate, is now in London, endeavoring to trace the estate of William Baskett, supposed to have been a London banker, and said to have recently died, leaving \$6,000,000, the principal heirs being the Basketts of Polk county, Ore.

In San Francisco, on the 21st, President McKinley reviewed nearly fifty thousand school children, who literally carpeted the streets over which he rode with flowers, and pelted the president's carriage with the surplus. He rewarded their enthusiastic reception with a happy little speech.

The Berliner Tageblatt and National Zeitung publish extracts from a recent interview with Secretary Gage, in a Chicago paper, and dwell with satisfaction upon "Mr. Gage's admission that the United States will have to make concessions to foreign countries if they wish to extend their exports."

Discontent among the Filipinos at the appointment of American judges and alleged discriminations in the civil service in favor of Americans is finding expression, encouraged by some of the native judges, who are aware that the reorganization of the judiciary will result in the loss of their positions.

The supreme camp, Woodmen of the World, in committee of the whole, at Columbus, O., on the 21st, considered the report of the committee on legislation. The policy of reducing expenses was adhered to and the emergency fund received attention, it being decided that all fees for transfers should go into this fund.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy had a narrow escape from being crushed to death in an elevator at the palace in Rome on the 23d. He desired to ascend to the second story, but an inexperienced attendant set the indicator for the third floor. The king was on the point of stepping out when he discovered the mistake and drew back in time to save himself.

Sir Robert Giffen, in an address before the Institute of Bankers, in London, on the 23d, said it was sheer nonsense to assert that Great Britain was living on her capital in her dealings with foreign countries. He declared, also, that the South African war expenditures came out of income and not out of capital, adding that the war had scarcely disturbed business at home.

Under dynastic law, the young grand duke of Saxe-Weimar, Charles Augustus, has compelled Prince Bernhard of Saxe-Weimar and his wife to leave for the United States. Prince Bernhard was married in London, in 1900, to the widowed Countess Lucchesi, the daughter of a Lubeck hotel keeper, named Brockmuller. The grand duke has granted Prince Bernhard a reasonable allowance.

During the preparations for a trial of speed between the two Shamrocks in the Solent, on the 23d, the new cup challenger was caught in a squall and denuded of all her spars and rigging. King Edward, who was among the guests of Sir Thomas Lipton, the yacht's owner, had a narrow escape from a falling spar. He was one of the first to search the deck with the inquiry, "Is anyone hurt," which, fortunately, there was not, though Sir Thomas himself was hit on the head and momentarily stunned by some of the falling rigging.

Former Governor John Riley Tanner died suddenly, on the 23d, of rheumatism of the heart, at Springfield, Ill., aged 57. In his proclamation announcing the death, Gov. Yates says of the former governor: "His efficient services as a soldier of the republic in his young manhood and as an official in many important places of trust in his maturer years, entitled him to the respect of his fellow citizens. His untiring efforts and struggles enabled him to rise from comparative obscurity to the highest position within the gift of the commonwealth."

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Queen Wilhelmina and her husband will visit Emperor William of Germany, at Potsdam, from May 30 to June 1, at the emperor's invitation.

The making of a new mast and gaff for Shamrock II. was begun, at Glasgow, on the 23d.

The decision of the supreme court of the United States is that the constitution does not necessarily follow the flag. The decision, however, is not unanimous. The opinion, it is understood, has been written by Chief Justice Fuller, and may be formally promulgated on the 27th.

Ex-Gov. John Riley Tanner, of Illinois, died at his apartments in the Leland hotel, Springfield, Ill., on the 23d, of rheumatism of the heart, aged 57 years. Though he had been ill for about a week, his death came unexpectedly.

The five cadets dismissed from the military academy at West Point have entered the service of the New York & Bermudez Asphalt Co., ostensibly in a civil engineering capacity, but will probably be employed in the organization and training of guards for the company's property in Venezuela.

Prof. Frederick Starr, in a lecture to his students in anthropology at the University of Chicago, declared that "Poets, gamblers, drunkards, cigarette smokers, persons who are tattooed and those persons who part their hair in the middle are degenerates."

William Webb Ferguson and Mrs. Mammie Barnes were jointly indicted by the grand jury, at Jacksonville, Ill., on the 23d, charged with poisoning the husband of the latter, Dr. J. L. Barnes. The case will be tried in November.

Katie Daugherty, 16 years old, of Peoria, Ill., who had been ill for more than a year, saturated her clothing with gasoline, on the 23d, and then set them on fire, standing stoically in the center of the room while she roared to death. She lived two hours, but never uttered a cry of pain.

The tablets in the Hall of Fame, in New York, will be unveiled on Memorial day with impressive ceremonies. Many men of prominence will participate, Senator Chauncey M. Depew delivering the oration.

The fate of the steamer Croft, which sailed from New York for Leith, on January 26, 1899, and which was never heard of afterwards, is explained by the contents of a bottle picked up at Granton, England, on the 23d. The message said that the Croft was sinking in mid-Atlantic.

Reports of the devastation of wheat fields over McPherson county, Kas., by the hessian fly continue to come. Many fields are entirely ruined and in others the damage done by them has not reached the limit.

Senator M. A. Hanna was mustered into Memorial Post, G. A. R., of Cleveland, O., on the night of the 23d. He was received with great enthusiasm and made a brief speech in reply to the congratulations upon the new honors conferred upon him.

The schooner C. H. Hackney, Capt. Wm. C. Eitel, went ashore in a northeast gale off Port Washington, Mich., on the 24th. The Milwaukee life saving crew was notified, and went to the wreck with a big wrecking tug. After considerable exertion the six members of the crew were rescued, though the schooner was an utter wreck.

It is semi-officially asserted that the resolution by the ministers of the powers in Pekin not to reduce the Chinese indemnity below 450,000,000 taels is final, and also that China accepts this, thus rendering approximate reimbursement of the expeditionary expenses of the powers certain.

The Berlin comic paper, "Ulk," shows Count Von Waldersee ready to depart from China standing before three empty trunks, labelled "Victories," "Acquisitions" and "Indemnities," and asking: "Is it worth while taking them along?"

On the 24th R. G. Dun & Co. reported: "Failures for the week numbered 12 in the United States, against 125 last year, and 22 in Canada, against 20 last year."

The anti-German agitation in the province of Posen has assumed alarming proportions, and the Prussian government has forbidden all Polish indoor or outdoor meetings for the Pentecostal holidays.

The live stock industry of Wyoming is face to face with a grass famine. Trouble between the cattle men and sheep men is feared.

The gunboat Scorpion arrived off Memphis, Tenn., on the 24th, and was received with a salute of 21 guns, which was responded to by the war ship. The Scorpion will remain there until after the confederate reunion.

At their next meeting, directors of the Pullman Sleeping Car Co. will be asked to pass upon plans for pensioning the 12,000 or 15,000 employees of the company.

The merchants and clubs of Havana have contributed liberally for the relief of the Jacksonville fire sufferers.

The steamer Tactician cleared from New Orleans for Cape Town yesterday, with 1,100 horses.

The question as to the ownership of the historic Plains of Abraham has at last been decided. The Dominion government has voted \$80,000 for the purchase of the property from the heirs. The government will hand the property over to the city of Quebec, to be converted into a public park.

An important step in the contention over creed revision was taken in the Presbyterian general assembly, at Philadelphia, on the 24th, when a motion to dismiss the entire question was negatived by a two-thirds vote.

Mrs. Mary L. McWilliams, mother of Mrs. Mammie Barnes, was arrested in Quincy, Ill., charged with complicity in the Barnes poisoning case, and taken to Jacksonville and lodged in the county jail.

Mrs. Johanna Breihan, a widow, who had been missing from her home in Fayetteville, Ill., for two weeks, was found by some hunters, in the woods, several miles from her home, on the 24th, unconscious from starvation. She may recover.

The wooden steamer Baltimore foundered, during a gale, in Lake Huron, near Au Sable, on the 24th, and 12 of her crew of 14 were drowned. Two men were washed about in the lake for several hours, lashed to a piece of wreckage, and were finally picked up by the tug Columbia and taken to East Tawas.

On his arrival in London, from South Africa, on the 24th, Sir Alfred Milner, governor of the Transvaal and Orange River colonies, was elevated to the peerage by King Edward. It is not stated yet what title he will assume.

The record of the court-martial in the case of Capt. Newt. Hall, United States marine corps, who was charged by Minister Conger with cowardice in connection with the defense of the legations at Pekin, completely exonerates Capt. Hall, finding simply error of judgment.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

The Manila & Dagupan Railroad Co. has presented a claim to the United States authorities at Manila for 2,300,000 for damages sustained during the insurrection.

The Pretoria correspondent of the London Daily Mail says that Gen. Louis Botha has asked Gen. DeWet to meet him to discuss the situation.

A Washington dispatch says that Aguinaldo is likely to come to the United States next fall and spend the winter at the national capital.

Ernest Dutton, colored, who pleaded guilty to administering poison to Wm. Elgood, his father-in-law, with murderous intent, was sentenced, at Wilmington, Del., on the 23d, to receive 60 lashes, to stand one hour in the pillory, be imprisoned four years and pay a fine of \$5,000.

Switzerland has awarded a contract to Herr Krupp for the equipping of the entire Swiss field artillery with Krupp guns.

The anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria was observed at Kingston, Jamaica, on the 24th, as a public holiday. Special Victorian services were attended by large crowds.

A statement by the internal revenue bureau shows that the total receipts under the war revenue act up to April 30, 1901, were \$300,137,884, of which \$105,702,142 came from documentary stamps; \$94,361,128 from beer, and \$45,264,714 from tobacco.

Moses T. Hale, for eight years city treasurer of Columbus, Springs, Colo., and Charles E. Smith, formerly city clerk, are under arrest, as principal and accessory, for the alleged embezzlement of \$26,000.

The published report that the pope intended to abolish the apostolic delegation in Canada and annex it to that in the United States is denied in a dispatch from Rome.

The Mark Lane Express expresses the belief that the British wheat harvest can not begin until August, owing to the backward weather.

Lewis W. Stone, wealthy Chicago real estate owner, was beaten and choked into insensibility, in his barn, on the evening of the 24th, and robbed of \$11. The robbers evidently expected to secure his day's rent collections, estimated at \$1,000, but he had banked them.

Five persons were killed outright and 40 others were seriously injured, on the 24th, in a collision between a trolley car moving at 40 miles per hour, two miles from Greenbush, N. Y. Both motormen were among the victims. The scene presented after the wreck was awful to behold. The kinglingwood to which the two cars were reduced was mixed with blood and mangled bodies.

A great strike of oil was made at Sour Lake, 20 miles northwest of Beaumont, Tex., on the 26th. A well was struck in a collision between the Sour Lake hotel, and at once became a gusher, flowing 15,000 barrels a day. This new strike so far from the Beaumont field has caused renewed excitement all over Texas, and a rush to the new district commenced immediately.

A commission from the state of Wisconsin arrived at San Francisco, on the 26th, with a \$10,000 silver fund, quiet service to be presented to the battleship Wisconsin by the state whose name she bears. In addition to the silver service there was also a bronze badger four feet high cast from a Spanish cannon captured during the recent war.

Up to the 26th 32 bodies, some of them terribly mutilated, had been recovered from the wreckage of the ship in Senghenydd, in the Rhonda valley, in Wales, where the recent explosion occurred. The gruesome work proceeded very slowly, and many painful scenes were witnessed at the pit's mouth.

A Sunday-school class of over five thousand people was a spectacle presented at the Dunkard national conference in Lincoln, Neb., on the 26th. The meeting was an inspiring one. The international Sunday-school lesson of the Dunkard quarterlies was used.

Chief Examiner A. R. Servon, of the civil service commission, left Washington, on the 26th, via New York, for Honolulu, where he and Civil Service Commissioner Rodenberg, who will join him en route to Kansas City, will look into the civil service in Hawaii.

Thomas Morris Avery, founder of Elgin National Watch Co., died in Chicago, on the 26th, from a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Avery, who had been ill for the last two years, was born 79 years ago in Madison county, New York.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths.

William F. Elliott, aged about 64, at Moberly. He was one of the best-known and most prominent citizens in Randolph county. He was sheriff and collector when these offices were combined, for two terms, and afterwards was cashier of the Mechanics' bank, and later president of the same institution for about ten years.

W. F. Blackburn, ex-representative of Shelby county, at his home in Hunnewell, after a long illness. He was cashier of the Hunnewell bank, and father of Cashier Blackburn, of the state auditor's office.

No Fun to be a Fireman.

Fire at 1101 to 1115 Olive street, St. Louis, caused a loss of \$100,000; one fireman, Edward Green, was killed. The buildings were occupied principally by furniture dealers.

Green was foreman of a fire company, and while his men were on the roof, he went down to the hose, and he went down 25 feet, to the nozzle of the hose; and the hose was pushed up, and other firemen ran up and reached out and grabbed him, and he was killed. The incident was witnessed by the crowd.

But the other men were on the roof. They had seen the fate of their comrade, and had not dared to follow. The hose he held, slowly but surely, the ladder was pushed up, and other firemen ran up and reached out and grabbed him, and he was killed. The incident was witnessed by the crowd.

Killed His Neighbor.

John W. Cookman shot and killed John McBride, his neighbor, in a field near Dresden, Pettis county.

McBride was an indolent young farmer, and had recently purchased an acre of land adjoining a 30-acre farm owned by Cookman. Cookman himself wanted the land, and since McBride refused to cultivate it he had been twice shot at by Cookman. The shooting occurred on the morning of the 24th, and McBride was killed.

Harley Templeton, a farm boy, who was with McBride, and who reported the killing, testified before the coroner.

Killed by His Own Blast.

John Hayes, the owner of a quarry, near Manchester, St. Louis county, put more than a keg of powder in a blast, touched the fuse, ran 100 yards, and awaited the result. There was an explosion that shook the country. A church 300 yards away was damaged \$1,000, and huge stones were thrown into the air. One struck Hayes and killed him. He was working alone in the quarry.

Increased the Assessment.

The St. Louis county court has increased the assessment of all the steam and electric railroads and telephone and telegraph companies running through the county. In the majority of instances the increase in assessments is almost double the returns made by the franchise companies.

State Medical Association.

Almost 300 registered physicians were in attendance at the forty-third annual meeting of the State Medical association, held in Jefferson City, Gov. Dockery, who, before his entrance into politics, was a practicing physician, delivered an address of welcome. He also entertained the doctors at the mansion.

Too Big for the Door.

The funeral services over the remains of W. B. Johnson, who died near Mexico, were conducted from the yard on his farm, on account of the size of the casket, which was too large to be taken through the door of the house. Mr. Johnson weighed 325 pounds.

Stole From His Sweetheart.

Howard Nance was arrested at St. Joseph, charged with stealing a diamond ring from his sweetheart, Mary Whitney. The ring is worth \$500, but Nance pawned it for \$50. He asked the girl to forgive him, but she turned him over to the police.

Indications of Oil at Moberly.

Good indications of oil have been found on land just outside of the Moberly city limits. The land has been leased, and a company is in process of organization for the purpose of developing it.

Price of His Wife's Affections.

C. E. Culley, a Knobnoster (Johnson county) merchant, has filed a suit against Thomas Harfield, Sr., for \$5,000 damages, on the charge of alienating the affections of Mrs. Culley.

Did Not Obey the Law.

The inquest into the death of Fireman Green at St. Louis, developed the fact that the building from which Green fell was not provided with fire escapes as the law requires.

Missouri's Apple Crop.

Indications are that the Missouri apple crop will be the heaviest for years. The trees are heavily laden, and fruit growers are highly pleased.

Postponed Till September.

The trial of Mrs. Addie L. Richardson, charged with the murder of her husband, has been continued, at Savannah, until the September term.

Liquor Dealers Notify the Governor.

The liquor dealers of St. Louis have notified Gov. Dockery that they have decided to contest the law which taxes whisky ten cents a gallon.

Fought a Pistol Duel.

Jack Salley and T. S. Heath fought a pistol duel at Cross Timbers, Hickory county, as a result of which Salley will lose an arm and a leg.

Bad Fire in a Small Town.

Fire destroyed the greater portion of the business part of Amsterdam, a small town in Bates county, not far from the Kansas line.

His Wife's Threat and His Own.

Henry McMillen, of 4321 Maffitt avenue, St. Louis, cut his wife's throat and then his own. McMillen is not "right" in the head.

Killed While Hunting.

Harry Strother, Jr., aged 14, was accidentally killed while hunting near McCune, Pike county.

A BUDGET FROM BRITAIN.

Some Caustic Comment on Carnegie's Gifts and American Influence in England.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA BACK IN LONDON.

A Question of Royal Etiquette Satisfactorily Settled—Edward, Who was Popular as Prince of Wales, is Tacitly Adding to His Popularity as King.

London, May 26.—"We trust in Scottish pride to rise in its wrath against this invasion of the almighty dollar," says the Review of the Week, commenting on Andrew Carnegie's munificence to Scotland's universities.

A Ven Dipped in Caustic. "Many of the oldest and best families in Scotland," continues the periodical, "send their sons to Scottish universities, where they pay the fees like the sons of the humblest neighbors, neither more nor less. It is to be believed that this will continue if the fees are paid for them by Mr. Carnegie? Imagine the duke of Hamilton, Cameron or Lochiel, or Macdonald of the Isles allowing his heir to get education at the cost of an American ironmonger. We shall not hear of some Chicago pork packer proposing to buy up Oxford and Cambridge, and dictating terms of admission and the subjects to be taught; or Boss Croker forming a lobby to control the London university, with the object of inculcating Tammany principles in the mind of the rising generation of cockneys."

A Fling at American Influence. The St. James Gazette, in an editorial headed "The Anglo-Saxon Millennium," commenting on a pessimist's proposal that "Yankee Doodle" be made the national anthem; that the American language be made compulsory in the schools, and that the coronation of J. Pierpont Morgan be arranged for June or July next, says: "But there is a bright side of the Americanization of this insignificant country. It ought to make war impossible. How can the patriotic American suffer from Anglophobia when he loves England so much that he wants to be her owner? How could he sink merchant ships in which his own money is invested? War would ruin his industrial enterprises, stage, press and locomotive companies, philanthropic schemes, aristocracy, race riding—in fact, everything except four agriculture, which has ceased to exist."

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S RETURN.

London Society Enlivened by the Return of Her Majesty.

London, May 26.—Queen Alexandra's return from the country to London and the advent of glorious summer weather have given a marvelous fillip to society. The season, which was dragging along uninterestingly, has burst out into full, exhilarating swing. Dinners and luncheon parties of all sorts are now enlivening mourning, under the spell of national mourning.

A Question of Royal Etiquette Settled. A question of royal etiquette over which society has been greatly exercised has been satisfactorily settled by the king. It was thought that King Edward, when he came to the throne, might not consider it advisable to accept invitations of his subjects to his house, but the king has accepted invitations to the houses of Georgiana, countess of Dudley; the marquis of Londonderry, Lady De Grey, and others.

THE KING'S POPULARITY.

The Tactful Prince Develops into a Most Gracious King.

London, May 26.—The king's escape at the time of the accident on board Shamrock II. last Wednesday, says, if anything, added to his popularity. With what tact his majesty preserves the happy relation between himself and his subjects can be judged from an instance that occurred this week. Col. Hon. Charles Eliot, whose friendship with the king dated from the time of the royal visit to America, when Col. Eliot acted as the mentor of the then prince of Wales, lay dying at the Sports club. Col. Eliot had not had any intimate relations with the king for many years, but his majesty, hearing of the soldier's condition, immediately drove to the club, got out and inquired sympathetically for his former friend, and those visits were continued daily until Col. Eliot died. Princess Christian also called at the club, for Eliot was formerly a member of her household. She walked straight to his room, said a few words and kissed the dying man's hand.

LATEST FROM KITCHENER.

Determined Attack by the Boers Upon a British Convoy.

London, May 27.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, May 26: "A superior force of Boers made a determined attack on a convoy between Ventersdorp and Potoschefstroom, May 23, but were driven off. Our loss was four killed and 30 wounded. The convoy subsequently arrived in safety."

The Welsh Cholera Disaster.

London, May 27.—Thirty-two bodies, some of them terribly mutilated, have been recovered at the Universal colliery in Senghenydd, in the Rhonda valley, where an explosion occurred last Friday evening. The gruesome work proceeds very slowly, and many painful scenes are witnessed at the pit's mouth.

King Edward has sent a message of sympathy to the families of the victims and has expressed his admiration of the gallantry displayed by the results.

TEUTONIC STUBBORNNESS.

It is Causing Trouble to the American Legation Guard in Pekin Which May Grow Worse.

Pekin, May 27.—The United States legation guard has had its first trouble. Legation street is being repaired near the legation, and an American sentry was placed at the point with orders to direct people around by a side street. Everybody obeyed the request with the exception of the Germans, both officers and soldiers, who have caused the American sentries much trouble.

One of the German officers drew his sword and charged an American soldier, who brought his bayonet to "charge," whereupon the officer desisted. Subsequently a German soldier charged past the sentry, who fired, hitting another German soldier near the German legation, a quarter of a mile off. This, fortunately, was only a light flesh wound. The sentry has been placed under arrest, and Maj. Robertson has instituted an investigation.

The attitude of Dr. Mumm von Schwartzstein, German minister, representing the civil and court Von Walderssee, representing the military, as well as that of other high officials, has been particularly friendly toward Americans, which makes all the more pronounced the unfriendly feeling evinced by a majority of the German officers and men. This unfriendliness is attributed to the American attitude in retaining control with the legation guard of one entrance to the Forbidden City which the Germans consider a reflection upon their national honesty.

Yesterday's meeting of the ministers of the powers was devoted to closing up details of business independent of the indemnity question, although the military authorities of the various powers seem to consider a settlement in eight or ten days. Preparations are being made for the evacuation of Pekin in the early future.

Two German marine battalions have left for Tsing Tau, and British transports have been ordered.

Emperor Kwang Su has instructed agents to prepare the palaces for occupation by the court so soon as the troops depart.

THE PEARL HARBOR STATION.

The Naval Board Adheres to the View that Pearl is the Only Defensive Harbor in Hawaii.

Washington, May 26.—The naval board having charge of the location of a naval station on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, has completed its work. The board adheres to the view that Pearl is the only harbor in the Hawaiian group capable of complete naval defense. It is only five miles from Honolulu. Much of the surrounding land has been occupied for commercial purposes. The board proposes to leave this shore land for commercial purposes, and, if possible, to locate the naval station on the large islands lying in the middle of the harbor. As some of this island land was raised to a high price since it was learned the government might want it, the board is disposed to consider a much larger tract of island land, so that the final selection may be made with less restriction. The improvement of the harbor contemplates a deep water channel across the coral bar at the entrance, and heavy batteries on each side of the entrance.

EUROPEAN CROP OUTLOOK.

Adverse Weather Conditions Will Retard the Beginning of Harvest—General Conditions.

London, May 26.—The Mark Lane Express, commenting upon the adverse weather conditions, says: "At present there is no probability of the wheat harvest beginning in July even in Sussex and Thanet, while in East Anglia, it is not likely to be gathered before the third week in August. The present cereal year, therefore, will have to find food for 55 millions of people."

Reports from Austria-Hungary show over an average wheat promise in the Austrian Tyrol, Hungary, Bohemia and Silesia; a fair average in Croatia and Bosnia, and below the average in Galicia and Transylvania.

"In Algeria the harvest is beginning and a good yield is anticipated."

SPAIN AS A NAVAL POWER.

Admiral Cervera Fears the Disintegration of Spain into a Number of Small States.

Madrid, May 26.—Speaking before the naval congress on the subject whether or not Spain should be a naval power, Admiral Cervera expressed fears of the disintegration of Spain into a number of small states. "I do not wish," he said, "that the interests of the navy should predominate at the expense of the other interests of the country, but, observing, as I do, what is going on at the present day, I am afraid Spain may become like the Italy of the middle ages."

UNDER SERIOUS CHARGES.

Three Volunteer Officers Charged With Trading in Permits to Ship From Closed Ports.

Manila, May 25, 12:30 p. m.—Capt. Michael Spellman, Lieut. Delbert R. Jones and Surgeon Dudley W. Welch, of Co. G, Forty-third infantry, stationed at Massin, southern Leyte, have been arrested on charge of trading in permits to ship hemp from the closed ports. They will be tried by court-martial. It has not been determined whether Manila hemp buyers are directly implicated.

War Revenue Receipts.

Washington, May 26.—A statement prepared at the international revenue bureau shows that the total receipts from the war revenue act up to April 30, 1901, were \$300,137,884, of which \$105,702,142 came from documentary stamps, \$94,361,128 from beer, and \$45,264,714 from tobacco.

Botha Wants to Meet De Wet.

London, May 26.—"Gen. Botha has asked Gen. De Wet to meet him," says the Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Mail. "to discuss the situation."

THE SOLDIER GOVERNOR.